



SEASON GREETINGS

FROM THE TETON BASIN RANGER DISTRICT, CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

We hope the experience of cutting a Christmas tree this 2012 season will provide you and your family special memories for years to come. In order for the Forest Service to continue to provide this opportunity, we ask that you to follow these guidelines:

A permit is required to cut and remove a Christmas tree. Permits are \$10 for a tree less than or equal to 12 feet in height and \$15 for a tree greater than 12 feet. *The maximum tree height is 20 feet.* Only one permit is authorized per household. Trees must be tagged at the time of cutting and during transporting.

When visiting your Forest, please abide by the current travel restrictions outlined in the District's travel plan. More information can be provided at each Ranger District.

After selecting your tree, cut stump within 8 inches of the ground. All branches must be cut free of the stump or any portion of the tree trunk that is left (on the ground). ***DO NOT CUT*** off the top of a larger tree and take only the top.

Cut only one (1) tree per family household.

Please help us manage trees for future generations. If opportunities exist, please select conifer/evergreen trees in aspen stands to allow the aspen trees to expand, or from a clump of conifer trees to allow the remaining trees more space to grow.

In addition to abiding by current travel restrictions, please:

DO NOT CUT in or around Pine Creek Campground; Mike Harris Campground; Trail Creek Campground, Teton Canyon Campground; Reunion Flats Campground; Darby Girl's Camp; Treasure Mountain Boy Scout Camp; Grand Targhee Ski Area; all trailheads; Jedediah Smith Wilderness; private land; and state and BLM lands.

Other Ranger Districts may have designated areas for Christmas tree harvest, and specific travel restrictions may apply. For additional guidance, consult the Ranger District in the area where you plan to cut your tree.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**JAY PENCE, District Ranger
Teton Basin Ranger District**

(The reverse side has safety tips and the addresses of the local businesses selling Christmas tree permits in Teton Valley)

ENJOY and be SAFE:

- ✓ Ensure that you, your family and vehicle are properly equipped for winter travel before leaving.
- ✓ Check fluids, tires (to include properly inflated spare, and jack), and properly fitted snow chains.
- ✓ Plan ahead; listen to weather forecast, and let others know your traveling plans.
- ✓ Dress properly. Bring additional warm clothing, drinking water, and food – your trip may take longer than expected. Remember *Pack it in - Pack it out*, keep your forest clean!
- ✓ Carry a flashlight with spare batteries, first aid kit, and proper tool for cutting your tree. Also, use sufficient ropes or straps for securing the tree properly to your vehicle.
- ✓ During your outing, please ensure children and pets are supervised at all times.
- ✓ If you become stranded, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE!
- ✓ When setting your tree up at home, locate it away from any heat source in a stable container/stand, and where it will not block exits.
- ✓ To keep your tree fresh, place it in a container/stand with a mixture of one part sugar to sixteen parts water. Check the container daily, keeping it filled will prolong the freshness of your tree.
- ✓ Never use lighted candles on a tree or near any evergreen decorations.
- ✓ Use non-combustible or flame retardant decorations. Keep evergreen decorations away from any open flame source.

If you have questions, please contact the appropriate Caribou-Targhee National Forest office.

In the Teton Valley, permits are available at the following locations:

Teton Basin Ranger District 515 South Main Driggs, ID 83422 (208) 354-2312	Victor Emporium 45 South Main Street Victor, ID 83455 (208) 787-2221
Peaked Sports 70 East Little Avenue Driggs, ID 83422 (208) 354-2354	Yostmark 285 East Little Avenue Driggs, ID 83422 (208) 354-2828